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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the non-final office action dated July 1, 2004 in which the Examiner rejected certain claims as indefinite (35 U.S.C. §112, par. 2) and all claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102(e)) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. Applicants amended claims 4, 16, and 27 to overcome the indefiniteness rejection and amended certain other claims to distinguish over the cited art. Applicants traverse the indefiniteness and prior art rejection and submit that all pending claims 1-34 are in condition for allowance and patentable over the cited art.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.  
**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11.